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MINUTES

The forty-ninth session of the Coldwater Baptist Association convened with Hopewell Baptist church, Tate county, Miss., on Thursday, October 16th, the same being Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1890.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder B. R. Womack. Text: I. Tim.; 11. Theme: "The Glorious Gospel of the Blessed God."

On motion, the Association adjourned until 1:30 o'clock p. m., for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elder E. D. Miller, former moderator, being absent, the Clerk, Brother D. S. McCrackin, called the body to order.

After reading 1st Psalm, Elder H. F. Sproles led in a fervent prayer for the blessings of God to rest on this meeting, together with a special prayer in the interest of our dear brother, Elder W. D. Howze, who is afflicted with a fatal sickness.

Elder Job Harroll was elected temporary Moderator.

Elders J. W. Lee and J. T. Christian were appointed to read the annual letters.

Motion, that the Association now go into a permanent organization. Elder B. R. Womack and brethren I. C. Dockery and J. B. Moody were appointed tellers.

The election of officers resulted in the choice of Elder Tob Harroll as Moderator. D. S. McCrackin was re-elected Clerk, and I. C. Dockery re-elected Treasurer.

The Moderator-elect, on taking the chair, thanked the body in a brief but feeling speech for its confidence in him.

PETITIONARY LETTERS CALLED FOR.

Amaziah church, through its letter and delegates, presented itself, and was received upon the Articles of Faith, as adopted by this Association. The Moderator, in behalf of the Association, extended the delegates the right-hand of fellowship.

APPOINTMENT OF MESSENGERS TO CORRESPONDING BODIES, 1891.

State Convention:—Elders J. W. Lee, H. J. Legge, B. R. Womack, John Thompson, I. M. Gray. Convenes at Natchez on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in July.

Big Hatchie Association:—Elder M. Whittle and W. W. Perry. Convenes Friday before the fourth Sunday in July.

Chickasaw Association:—Elders I. M. Gray, A. G. Perry, H. J. Legge, A. N. Billingly. Convenes with Macedonia church, 18 miles east of Waterford, Thursday before the third Sunday in September.

Oxford Association:—Elders W. M. Farmer, H. J. Legge and brethren H. J. Mitchell, J. C. Droke and A. F. Young. Meets at Courtland Thursday before the second Sunday in September.

Sunflower Association:—Elders Job Harrell, H. J. Legge, W. M. Farmer, John Thompson and J. W. Lee. Meets with the church at Lyons Thursday before the first Sunday in September.

Sardis East (colored):—Elders B. R. Womack and W. M. Farmer. Meets with New Salem church, 8 miles west of Senatobia.

On motion, Elder B. R. Womack was selected to represent this Association in the Southern Baptist Convention; H. J. Legge, alternate.

Invited corresponding messengers to seats. The following brethren responded: Elders H. F. Sproles, President State Mission Board; J. T. Christian, Secretary State Mission Board; J. W. Alford, Big Hatchie Association; J. B. Gambrell, College Endowment and Southern Baptist Record.

Adopted the following resolutions, by Elder J. W. Lee: Resolved, That we meet at 9:30 a. m., adjourn at 12 m., meet at 1:30 p. m., adjourn at 4 p. m.

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The Committee on Devotional Exercises report services to-night by Elder John Thompson.

After singing by the choir, and prayer by Elder J. W. Lee, the Association adjourned to meet at 9:30 to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

October 17th, 1890.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Association met at 9:30 a. m., the Moderator in the chair. After singing, the Moderator read the 65th Psalm. Elder John Richardson led in prayer. Minutes of yesterday read, and adopted as read.

The Committee, Elder E. S. Manning, formerly appointed on Woman's Work, having been called to his home above, Elder B. R. Womack was appointed to make said report.

The following named brethren were appointed Finance Committee: J. B. Moody, J. C. Droke and T. J. Harwell.

The Clerk called the roll of messengers and noted the absentees. Elder J. T. Christian asked permission to say to the body that if any one of this body had any old books, papers or minutes of this Association, he would be very thankful for the use of them to help in getting up a history of the Baptists of Mississippi.

Motion by Elder J. W. Lee, that the bound volumes of old minutes of this Association now in the hands of Elder W. D. Houze be turned over to Elder J. T. Christian, to aid him in getting up the History of the Baptists of Mississippi, subject to the order of this body.

TEMPERANCE.

Report on temperance was read by J. B. Moody.

Temperance is not merely the abstinence from intoxicating liquors; but it extends out into the broad field of abstinence from, or self-control over, all the passions and appetites. The Pagan Felix became terrified as Paul reasoned with him concerning justice, temperance and the judgment to come.

The Word of God tells us that temperance is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We are commanded to add to our faith temperance. The plain meaning of temperance is self-control. If we would enforce fully the laws of temperance on ourselves, what grand men and women we would be! With what bodies, with what grand minds, and with what grand spirits we would be possessed! We should have our minds concerned at all times about temperance, for it has much to do not only with the enjoyment of our lives here, but also in the life to come. God tells us that the body of each Christian is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Seeing that these things are true, what a despotic government should we exercise over the passions, animal appetites, the lust of the flesh, and even our thoughts! And "ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." That is, with diligence employ body and spirit in God's service. Pagan philosophy found out this truth: "A sound mind in a sound body." Therefore temperance demands that we be very particular to enforce upon our bodies the laws of health, so that we may have sound minds for the perfect worship of God. What dreadful inroads are made upon our bodies by the use of intoxicants and tobacco alone! A noted physician said: "If the people continue to use the same amount of intoxicants and tobacco, that in one more century their posterity would be idiotic." Can that man or woman have a clean body which is impregnated with nicotine from the use of tobacco? Can bodies thus polluted be presented as living sacrifices, wholly acceptable to God? Romans, 12:1. It is said that strong drink is not only the way to the devil, but the devil's way into you. How often do Christians become really and truly drunken on the cares of the world, and the deceitfulness of worldly riches, so that they have no time, inclination or thoughts about the way that a loving Heavenly Father tells them to be truly happy, truly rich, and truly wise.

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Respectfully submitted, J. B. MOODY.

Discussed by Elders John Thompson, W. M. Gorden and brother T. A. Knight. Report adopted.

Motion by Elder M. Whittle, that all Baptist messengers present, representing Colored Associations, be invited to seats, where Rev. R. Haley, (col.) of Holly Springs Colored Association, presented a letter from their body, and gave a short statement of their work.

Motion, that the report on State and Associational missions be taken up to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Motion by W.W. Perry, that the body adjourn for preaching by Elder H. F. Sproles, of Jackson, Miss., the time having arrived for adjournment.

Motion, that the rule be suspended, and the body hear a statement from Elder Sproles on the matter of building a new church at Jackson, Miss. Elder J. T. Christian was also invited to address the body concerning the new church building. At the close of his remarks he took up a collection, which resulted in the body giving to the Jackson church \$141.35. Benediction by Elder J. T. Christian. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 p. m. Moderator in the chair. After singing, Elder T. J. Carter led in prayer.

PUBLICATIONS.

Report on Publications was read by Eld. J. E. Barnett.

I will not, in this report, of course, ask the Association to recommend special course of reading; but since there is much written that is good and more that is bad, I ask that I may be permitted to recommend, first our own State paper, the SOUTHERN BAPTIST RECORD, which no Baptist of the State of Mississippi can afford to do without. It is a reproach to any one to be ignorant of the workings of his own denomination. It is impossible to keep up with the Baptist of the State without the RECORD. We should, by all means, take it. I next recommend the Foreign Mission Journal. In its new dress it is a neat little pamphlet. It gives compact reports of the work done on the Foreign fields. Next, Our Home Field, which reports all home work. With these three papers in hand any one can keep up with the workings all over the Southern Baptist Convention and the missionary territory occupied by us. For Sunday Schools, I would recommend the use of the Kind Words series published under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention; also the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, of Philadelphia. Some of our best Southern talent is employed in both these series of publications.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. BARNETT.

Remarks by Elders J. T. Christian, B. R. Womack, J. B. Gambrell and M. Whittle. Report adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

Report on Home Missions, by Elder H. J. Legge.

Your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to submit the following: I presume that everyone of us is willing to admit that the Home Mission work is a great work and a much needed work. The Home Mission Board has already done great things, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed the efforts of his people, and is still blessing them, as we will see from the statistics given below. This Board needs the co-operation

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of this Association in this great work for the Master. I see from reports of the churches that a large number of them have neglected the calls of this Board. The State of Mississippi is only asked to give \$3,000, and with her 80,000 members it seems to us that she might easily do it. Of all the fields occupied by the Baptists, it appears to me that this is a very important one. The Master first sent his apostles to the "lost sheep of Israel;" after that he said, "go into all the world," which were nearly his last words to his disciples. Dear brethren and sisters, does he not say to us to-day, as to them of old, go into every city, town, village and country, and as you go preach. The question for us to answer is, have we gone? The Home Board is very important, for the reason that it does a great deal of work that might not otherwise be done; and it is instrumental in God's hands in preparing material for the Foreign work, for every one that is born of God partaketh of the nature of his Son, Jesus Christ. It was Christ's will that all men might be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth. The cause of our Savior coming to this world, and making so great a sacrifice, was the love he had for the sons and daughters of Adam's fallen race; and every one that is converted or saved loves poor, lost sinners, and will make some sacrifice that they may be saved.

Let us now see what has been done during the last year by the Home Mission Board. Work done during the year ending April 30th, 1890:

Number Missionaries among foreign population.....	30
Number among the colored people.....	50
Number in Cuba.....	21
Native white population.....	270
Total number for the year.....	371
Weeks of labor.....	13849
Churches and stations.....	1182
Sermons and addresses.....	38741
Baptisms, 4477; by letter, 3621; total additions.....	8098
Sunday Schools organized.....	333
Sunday School teachers and pupils.....	12420
Churches organized.....	267
Houses of worship built.....	84
Pages of Tracts distributed.....	857400
Bibles and Testaments sold.....	5728
Cash rec'd by Treasurer from May 1, 1889 to May 1, 1890.....	\$68,297.76
Cash raised by co-operative bodies.....	61,953.61
Cash raised for houses of worship on Mission fields.....	37,324.85
Total receipts in cash and vouchers.....	167,576.22

THE WORK TO BE DONE.

At the recent session of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Board made a special report on the new work which ought to be done the present year. 1st. Mission work in the Indian Territory ought to be increased, and \$2,000 additional will be required for that purpose. 2d. A Mission in New Mexico is imperatively demanded, which will require \$2,000 or more. 3rd. The Board ought to increase its appropriations, to Eastern Kentucky, East Tennessee, Western North Carolina, and Northeastern Georgia not less than \$5,000. 4th Our work among the foreign population in Missouri and Texas ought to be enlarged, and \$2,000 will be required for that purpose. 5th. The work among the colored people ought to be so extended as to give \$1,000 each to Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Arkansas. 6th. In the work of church building, the smallest amount consistent with any sort of efficiency must not be less than \$10,000. 7th. The amount of \$15,000 will be needed to make the next payment on the house of worship in Havana, Cuba. 8th. Our other work in Cuba is so rapidly increasing that it will require \$20,000 more than last year. These amounts aggregate \$57,000 of new work which presses on the Board. This sum of \$57,000 added to the \$70,000 expended last year, and which must be expended on the same field this year, makes \$127,000 required by the Board for the present year's work. If the churches will contribute \$100,000 of this sum, the Board will secure the remaining amount from other sources, such as legacies, cemetery in Cuba, rents of property, etc. There never was so great need of money as that which now claims the attention of the Board. There never were so many opportunities for work. Our population was never growing so rapidly as now. There never were so many improvements going on in our country. New railroads being built, which makes new centers of influence, and demands new churches at almost every depot. New factories, whose hundreds of operatives require Sunday Schools and other religious services. New mines, which bring together hundreds of men and women and children into a new community, whose spiritual wants must not be overlooked. New towns are springing up all over the land; our cities growing so rapidly that many of them have doubled their population in the last ten years. Then, we were never so able to do this work. Our denomination was never increasing so rapidly. There were baptized into the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention last year 77,500 believers. These churches ag-

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Respectfully, H. J. LEGGE.

Discussed by Elders J. B. Gambrell and H. F. Sproles.
Adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report on Sunday Schools by Elder B. R. Womack.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report: At this writing there is no way of finding out whether or not every church in this Association has a Sunday School. Your Committee is profoundly convinced that every church in this Association ought to have a Sunday School, if such is at all possible. We recommend, therefore: 1st. That each church have a Sunday School. 2nd. That pastors study the subject of Sunday Schools; their importance, and the best method of conducting them. 3rd. That great care be taken in the selection of Superintendents and teachers.

Respectfully submitted, B. R. WOMACK.

Remarks by Elders B. R. Womack, John Thompson and brother Wm. Rodgers. Adopted.

Motion, that brothers T. C. Dockery, H. J. Mitchell and Elder W. M. Farmer be appointed a Committee on Obituaries.

Motion, that the Association devote half an hour in devotional exercises. Elder W. M. Farmer was appointed by the Moderator to conduct said services. Benediction by W. M. Farmer. Adjourned.

THIRD DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

October 18, 1890.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Association met at 9:30 a. m., and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by El-

der J. B. Gambrell. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.
 Brother T. A. Knight asked to be excused by the Association.
 Brother Knight was excused.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Report on Foreign Missions, read by Eld. John Thompson.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully submit: That to us the commission has been given to preach the Gospel to every creature. Obstacles have been removed, and there remains no excuse for those who claim to have tasted the good word of life, and the powers of the world to come, to be disobedient any longer to the will of their Lord. Christ said, "Go ye;" and it is a fact, whether we comply with his divine command or not, that Christ calls upon Baptists to go; and we are the people that ought to feel the weight of the commission as a burden upon us, that is easy and light, because the Lord is on our side. The world as the field, is now open for the reception of the Gospel, and the subject of Foreign Missions should be the leading one of the day, because it endeavors to give the Gospel to 750,000,000 human souls who are utterly without it, and more perfectly to 350,000,000 others who, it may be, have heard it in part, but who have a very faint and uncertain knowledge of it. Foreign Missions, defined by some people, used to mean, "too far away." But thanks be to God, that by a more perfect knowledge of the real condition of our fellow-man, and the darkness of Catholicism and Paganism into which millions have been plunged, the people of God are to-day defining the word "Foreign" to mean other nations, and "Missions" to mean the Gospel; and by the united efforts of God's people and the manifestations of his power, souls are being saved, and are coming to a knowledge of the truth. Great good has been done in this century of Foreign Missions that draws near to a close. And still the Macedonian cry reaches our ears from Mexico, with a population of nearly 10,000,000 people, 8,000,000 of whom, it is said, have never seen a copy of the Bible; Brazil, with over 10,000,000 inhabitants, bound by chains of heathen darkness; Italy, with a population of 28,000,000 souls, who are being led captive at the devil's will; Africa, where our Missionary force needs reinforcements, to press into the interior and preach Christ and his love; Japan, with a population of 33,200,000—a vast, im-

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portant field; China, with a population of 433,000,000. The Foreign Mission work done by Southern Baptists is in a prosperous condition, and we should be encouraged to know that our labor has not been in vain in the Lord. The number of baptisms reported during the last conventional year was 401. Our membership abroad is as follows: China, 806; Mexico, 783; Brazil, 270; Italy, 255; Africa, 58. Total membership, 2171. These members contributed to our work last year \$3,290. These figures should stimulate us to do more real service for God by contributing liberally of our own means for the extension of the kingdom of Christ.

The Convention Board asks the Coldwater Association for \$3,200 to strengthen every object fostered by them. Brethren, lay aside the question, Can we give it? Let us, like men of God, bring this amount up at our next Association, with one-third of this amount for Foreign Missions; that the needed help may be sent to brethren in foreign fields who are sacrificing their lives to the glory of God and the salvation of precious souls. Baptists of America, we are asked for one hundred men as Missionaries in Foreign fields in the next five years. This may seem to be a large number, but being a member of such a mighty host of the living God, your Committee fully believes that the time has again rolled around when we should begin greater things for God, and expect greater things from him. At once Southern brethren should begin to send men who are waiting and ready to go into the 10,000,000 square miles of heathen lands, into which no Missionary has ever entered and proclaimed the Gospel of Christ for a witness unto all nations. Brethren, by doing that which we know to be our duty, we know also that it means more money. But to this we would say, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein." Then let us do his bidding, and pray not only from our lips, but from our hearts: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." The \$3,200 asked for will come. Our hearts will be glad and rejoice to know that the Gospel is heard from the rivers to the end of the earth.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN THOMPSON.

Remarks by Elders B. R. Womack, M. Whittle and J. T. Christian. At the close of these remarks a cash collection was taken, which resulted in the brethren giving \$38.30.

STATE MISSIONS.

Report on State Missions was read by Elder J. W. Lee.

Your Committee on State Missions beg leave to report: We desire to congratulate the State Board upon the hopeful and encouraging report it has been able to make year after year, of the successful work done by the Missionaries. Encouraging reports from every part of the State, from the cities, from the country, from the new railroad towns, come to us in each report of the Convention Board. The plan under which the Board has been prosecuting the work throughout the State commends itself to us, and it is our pleasure as well as our duty, to co-operate with it. The plan secures the unity or the brotherhood throughout the State, and where there is unity there is strength. It is not necessary in this report to recall in detail the work so satisfactorily done. The report is given in full each year in the Minutes of the Convention, which can be had upon application to the Secretary. We are pleased to note that the revival in church building that seems to exist throughout the State, is also upon our Mission fields, and that many good houses have been put up. We are indebted to the Secretary of the Board for the interest he manifests in our Associational work, and for the valuable services he has rendered us. We are encouraged by the liberality of God's people. We are grateful to Almighty God for his blessings upon our labors, and to his name and power be all the honor and glory.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. LEE.

Remarks by Elders J.W. Lee and J.T. Christian. Report adopted.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION BOARD.

Report on Associational Mission Board, by Elder J. W. Lee.

The Board returns thanks to Almighty God, who has abode with our work during the entire year. Our work has been two-fold. 1st. To supply destitute places. 2nd. To assist those churches who were not able themselves to employ a pastor. The Board employed brother E. S. Manning to work half of his time in the bottom, along the line of the L., N. O. & T. railroad, giving him for his services \$225.00. He labored for four months only, when God called him from his labors on earth to his reward above. Brother John Thompson

was then employed to take the work in the bottom. He has labored faithfully and earnestly, and while there has been no great visible results, yet we have God's promise that "His work shall not return unto him void." We have appropriated the following amounts to the following churches: Bold Springs, \$60.00; Elam, \$25.00; Mt. Manna, \$25.00; Chulahoma, \$25.00; for in the bottom, \$206.25. The amounts sent up by the churches have been a little more than enough to pay the above amounts: but we are sorry we have so little to turn over to the Secretary of the State Board to assist that Board in doing the great and noble work it is doing. We think the plan of co-operating with the State Board is wise. It has been encouraging and helpful to us. The year's work has not been in every way satisfactory to us; yet we have many reasons to thank God and take courage.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. LEE, Chairman Board.
Remarks by Elders J. W. Lee and J. T. Caristian. Adopted.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE REPORT.

The report on Mississippi College was read by Elder W. M. Farmer.

Your Committee on Mississippi College beg leave to submit the following: It is a pleasure to speak of the successful course of our College—of the grand work it has been doing and is doing for the Baptists of the State and of the world. It is no longer an experiment, but an unqualified and marvelously grand success. Never in its history was it more imbedded in the affections of the people of the State; never did it enjoy a more undivided confidence or universal esteem. Its last opening was by far the fullest and the most satisfactory of any heretofore. No less than three hundred students are expected this year, and with the enlarged faculty and full equipments, why should it not meet the expectations of the most sanguine? The endowment is the one thing now of absorbing interest respecting the College. The question is not, Shall we do this? But, How soon shall we do it? and What is our duty in the matter? It is generally known, I suppose, that the National Baptist Educational Society has agreed to give to us toward the endowment \$7,500, when we have secured \$52,500 besides. Of this amount, about \$45,000 has been secured in cash and contributions, and about \$25,000 has been paid in and turned over to the Committee of Investment and safely invested. Now, what is our duty toward the College, and toward the endowment? These thoughts suggest themselves: 1st. That

those who have contributed be prompt in the payment of what they have promised. 2nd. That those who have not, and are able, ought to rise up and do their full share in this work which God has laid upon us. 3rd. That our churches and people who have responded to this call, should glean over and see that this work is pushed to a successful end.

Submitted, W. M. FARMER.

Remarks by W. M. Farmer and J. W. Lee, after which the report was adopted.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Report on Ministerial Education, by Elder Jobe Harrell.

All the high places of an earthly distinction sink into insignificance, both in point of honor and importance, when compared with the office of a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ. Officers of State are necessary in the execution and maintenance of human governments, and in themselves are highly honorable; yet they are of human origin, and of human appointment, and are designed to affect only the condition of mankind. But the office of a minister of Christ is of divine origin and appointment; he is called to the work of the ministry by the Great God himself, and his work and his office are designed to effect the happiness of the inhabitants of the world, not only in this life, but especially in the life to come. And as the minister of Jesus Christ, is commissioned to preach the Gospel of his kingdom to all the world, in every country, and in every clime, to the rich as well as to the poor, to the learned as well as to the unlearned, to the great as well as to the ignoble, as he is the ambassador of Christ to all nations, occupying the most exalted position ever held by man, how indispensably necessary that he should be properly qualified for his high position, and properly equipped, that he may ably and faithfully discharge all the duties of his office. In the administration of human governments, the sagacity, and skill, and best judgment of men are taxed to select the most competent and best qualified. What would the government have been if trained and educated minds had not drafted our constitution? And shall Christians, shall Baptists not act on the same principle, and select and train their best talent, when clothed with grapple with sin in high places? When disease is in our system, and a fever storm sends the blood flying along through our veins and arteries, do we send for a quack, who is igno-

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which to draw our resources; and while it should be our textbook in and out of the schools, and the armory from which to draw all our weapons of warfare, still systematic training is necessary in order to wield those weapons in the most effective way. We have had to fight not only infidelity fresh from its victories and fields of slaughter, but we have had to contend with our Pedo-Baptist brethren for the most precious truths in the Gospel. Right nobly have we confronted the combined hosts, and won the victory over all. A true church of Christ, a converted membership, one Lord, one faith and one baptism, with a proper guardianship over the ordinances, as received from Christ, has been the inscription on our banner, and the battle has been fought out and won, and our Pedo-Baptist friends are coming to us every day. Infant Baptism, with its bloody garments and cannibal teeth, is dying; sprinkling and pouring are found to symbolize neither a burial nor a resurrection, as does immersion, and they, too, are passing away. These great victories have been won not without the aid of educated and trained ministers of Christ, and it shows us the necessity of educating our ministry to a higher standard still if we would extend our conquests, for infidelity seems to have put on a new lease of life, and Romanism is foaming out her curses. And then, again, the world is educating as never before, and it will not do for the pew to educate beyond the pulpit, or the preacher will soon find his pews empty. It is important, therefore, that we encourage and sustain all our Baptist colleges and schools of learning, and foster and bring out all our ministerial gifts found in our churches. Our school at Clinton is not what we want it to be; but it has done a great work, and it is going to do a much greater still. It has turned out 300 Baptist ministers, and some of them are occupying the most important fields, and all, I believe, are actively engaged. This very College, brethren, has saved Mississippi to the Baptists, and with increased prospects, we can now look off from our point of elevation and see the sunny fields of Canaan soon to be ours.

RESOLVED, That as an Association, we cordially approve of the earnest and increased attention now given to our denominational and theological schools and Colleges, and commend the same, and particularly Clinton College, as worthy in all respects of the patronage and sympathies of the Baptist denomination at large.

Discussed by Elders B. R. Wormack, J. W. Lee and J. E. Barnett.

Submitted, JOB HARRELL.

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The hour having arrived to adjourn, Elder H. J. Legge moved that the body hear Elder J. B. Gambrell on the Endowment of Mississippi College. A collection was then taken \$520.90 in cash and pledges was raised for the endowment of the College. Benediction by Elder J. W. Lee. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 1:30 p. m. Called to order by the Moderator. After singing, Elder A. G. Perry led in prayer.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that the churches have paid to us the aggregate amount of \$843.54, to be distributed as follows:

For State and Associational Missions	\$430.17
For Home Missions	67.35
For Foreign Missions	225.31
For Ministerial Education	41.61
For Endowment Clinton College	23.70
For Minutes	55.40
Total	\$843.54

Respectfully submitted, J. B. Moody,
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Report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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By amount paid brother J. T. Christian...	\$788.14
By amount paid brother D.S. McCracken..	55.40
Total	\$843.54

Respectfully submitted, T. C. DOCKERY, Treasurer.

OBITUARIES.

October 18, 1890.

Since the last meeting of our Association, the All-wise God, in his inscrutable wisdom, has seen fit to take from our midst to his abode in Heaven, some of our prominent and most valuable brethren, and while we must bow in submission, it is with pained hearts that we realize and know that our beloved brethren, James G. Hall, E. S. Manning, Dr. J. L. Mabry, and his brother, W. Ovin Mabry, and Dr. J. R. Slaton, are with us no more, to encourage and stimulate us by their wise counsels and consistent Christian work.

Judge James G. Hall was prominent in the politics of his State, prominent as Chancellor, administering equity and justice impartially, and prominent in the councils of his church, and while occupying high official positions, neglected no duty of the Christian man. As Superintendent of his Sunday School, he was never absent when possible to be there; a lover of the prayer-meeting, he was a zealous leader. His life as a citizen, as a judge, as a Christian, rounded up a character of an unsullied, unspotted manhood, and he has gone to reap the reward of the faithful.

Elder E. S. Manning, an earnest, devoted Christian man, had consecrated his life to the service of the Great God and the salvation of his fellow-man. Zealous in his Master's cause, uncompromising in his convictions of duty, he preached faithfully, fearlessly and boldly that which he believed to be the true faith. His early death is to us a sad and grievous loss.

Dr. J. L. Mabry, who died suddenly last fall, was for many years the efficient Treasurer of this Association. He lived to a ripe old age, being in his seventy-second year, and doubtless passed to a bright and rich reward. He was one of

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the most pious and zealous men that ever lived in our bounds.

W. Ovid Mabry died a few weeks after his brother, Dr. Mabry, in his seventy-fourth year, full of honorable prestige. He was for a long time the competent clerk of this Association, and was loved and honored by all who knew him.

The two Mabrys were not only prominent and well known in this Association, but were known throughout the State.

Dr. J. R. Slayton, of the Senatobia church, died in the midst of his prosperity and usefulness, both as a physician and as a consistent and active member of the church. Thus four of our brethren of ability and extensive usefulness have gone to their reward on high. Peace to their ashes.

Submitted, T. C. Dockery,
H. J. Mitchell, } Com.
W. M. Farmer,

Motion by Elder J. W. Lee, that the Moderator now appoint the Associational Board. Carried.

Board appointed:—

Hernando church.....	Elder J. W. Lee
Oak Grove church.....	T. J. Harwell
Gray's Creek church.....	A. G. Perry
Mt. Manna church.....	Elder John Thompson
Central Coldwater church.....	C. G. Callicott
Ebenezer church.....	T. C. Dockery
Bold Springs church.....	P. H. Dollahite
Luxahoma church.....	Elder W. M. Gordon
Eudora church.....	J. B. Riley
Holly Springs church.....	Sam Rather
Coldwater church.....	B. F. Martin
State Line church.....	G. Briggance
Pleasant Grove church.....	J. E. Crook
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Elam church.....	W. A. Rodgers
New Prospect church.....	J. A. Smith
Pleasant Hill church.....	J. B. Moody
Philadelphia church.....	T. O. Baugh
Alexandria church.....	J. H. Hurdle

New Hope (Tate) church.....	W. J. Jamison
Sardis church.....	L. F. Rainwater
Salem church.....	S. A. Wilkinson
Longtown church.....	J. L. Farmer
Senatobia church.....	D. S. McCrackin
Peach Creek church.....	Edw. Keating
Harmony church.....	W. B. Phillips
Columbia church.....	R. T. Bowen
Unity church.....	J. M. Ray
Hebron church.....	J. E. Faulkner
White Oak Grove church.....	M. G. Nelson
Bethel church.....	C. F. Boone
Union church.....	N. G. Howard
North Mt. Pleasant church.....	T. J. Lockheart
Strayhorn church.....	I. M. Gray
Tyro church.....	G. W. Burley
Mt. Zion church.....	C. F. Brenton
Hickory Grove church.....	A. B. F. Crawford
Midway church.....	W. G. Garrison
Evansville church.....	E. L. Pace
Mt. Moriah church.....	J. B. Gilley
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Little sister Daisie Wait read an interesting report of sister Womack's "Busy Bees" of Senatobia.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Report on Woman's Work, by Elder B. R. Womack.

Your Committee on Woman's Work beg leave to report: Our people throughout the Southern States are rapidly waking up to the importance of woman's work in our churches. The movement in this direction is but a few years old; but in this short time our women have put many thousand dollars into our Mission Treasury. We are all glad that Mississippi women take a place in the front rank with the other States, and are doing nobly; and we are especially pleased to know that the

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women of Coldwater Association are not behind in their work. The statistics of the work are as follows: In the State there are 466 women's societies, which gave to the cause last year the sum of \$14,000.00. In the Coldwater Association there are 31 societies, which gave during the year ending October, 1889, \$524.50. The year ending October, 1890, they gave \$857.35. Of that amount the various societies, as named, gave as follows:

Arkabutla—W. M. S.	\$78.08
Sunbeams	5.00
Total	\$ 83.00
Central Coldwater—W. M. S.	\$ 65.50
Ebenezer—W. M. S.	20.00
Hernando—W. M. S.	58.00
Holly Springs—W. M. S.	100.35
Luxahoma—W. M. S.	\$18.35
Sunbeams	11.65
Total	\$ 30.00
Mt. Zion—W. M. S.	87.70
Peach Creek—W. M. S.	\$37.40
Sunbeams	39.20
Total	\$ 67.60
Sardis—W. M. S.	\$92.30
Sunbeams	65.50
Total	\$157.80
Senatobia—W. M. S.	\$120.30
Aid Society	23.00
Sunbeams	15.50
Busy Bees	30.60
Total	\$189.40
Grand total	\$859.35

Of this amount, the young people and children of both sexes of this Association have given \$158.45. The total increase over last year is \$332.85. Surely these are encouraging figures, and they argue loudly the importance of using in their work the willing hearts and busy hands of our women. Let the societies be careful to make their reports regularly, and let every pastor encourage this work in his church.

Submitted, B. R. WOMACK.

Elder B. R. Womack, followed the reading of his report by remarks upon the importance of the work, and suggestions as to the method of fostering the work. The subject was further discussed by Elder J. B. Gambrell. Report adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Foreign Missions.....	Elder B. R. Womack.
State Missions.....	J. B. Moody.
Home Missions.....	Elder John Richardson.
Sunday Schools.....	Elder W. M. Farmer.
Mississippi College.....	Elder J. W. Lee.
Temperance.....	Miss Mollie Harwell.
Publications.....	T. C. Dockery.
Woman's Work.....	Elder John Thompson.
Ministerial Education.....	Elder J. E. Barnett.

Motion, that the Clerk be allowed \$20.00 for his services. It appearing that there was not enough money to print the Minutes, a collection was taken up, which resulted in the Association giving \$7.00.

Motion by Elder H. J. Legge, that Elder Job Harrell preach the introductory sermon at our next meeting.

Motion, that Elder H. J. Legge alternate.

RESOLVED, That this Association tender Hopewell church and the people of the town of Arkabutla and vicinity, our sincere thanks for their kindness during our stay with them, and pray God's blessings upon them.

On motion of Elder J. W. Lee, the Association adjourned.

The Moderator delivered a short but feeling address, and while the Association sang "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," the members gave each other the parting hand in tears.

The benediction was pronounced by the Moderator, and the Coldwater Association stood adjourned, to meet, God willing, with Pleasant Hill church, Thursday before the third Lord's Day in October, A. D., 1891.

D. S. McCrackin, Clerk.

JOB HARRELL, Moderator.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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✓A. G. Perry,	Coldwater	"
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✓J. L. Brown,	Arkabutla	"
✓J. W. Lee,	Hernando	"
✓M. Whittle,	Hernando	"
✓W. M. Farmer,	Senatobia	"
✓J. W. Echols,	Senatobia	"
✓B. R. Womack,	Senatobia	"
✓Job Harrell,	Eudora	"
✓J. D. Nichols,	Eudora	"
✓H. J. Legge,	Sardis	"
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✓H. C. Long,	Poplar Corner	"
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✓G. W. Floyd,	Collierville	Tenn.
✓J. H. Hurdle,	Sladen Crossing	"
✓J. M. Gray,	Strayhorn	Miss.
✓J. C. Canada,	Collierville	Genr.
✓G. W. Hallowell,	Wallace	Miss.
✓J. F. Haley,	Olive Branch	"

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T. J. Harwell,	Hernando	Miss.
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P. H. Dollahite,	Love's	"
Cathey Austin,	Coldwater	"
J. W. Sturdivant,	Coldwater	"
W. R. King,	Strayhorn	"
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Thomas Woolfolk,	Senatobia	Miss.

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